

# Florence Mae Welch, 91

Florence Mae Welch, daughter of Laura Speer and William Lemke was born March 31, 1888 at Washburn, Wisc. She departed this life Sept. 4, 1979 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at the age of 91 years, 5 months and three days. Florence graduated from the Osage high school. In 1909 her family moved to Harlan and operated a general store for many years. On Sept. 5, 1917 she was united in marriage to Robert A. Welch at Melville, Saskatchewan, Canada and to this union three daughters were born. She helped clerk in her father's store for many years and has been a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home since 1968. She was a member of the Harlan Congregational Christian Church and a life member of the Eastern Star.

Mrs Welch was preceded in death by her parents, her husband - Robert in 1962 and one brother - Victor E. Lemke. Survivors include three daughters - Grace Sleister of Edmonds, Wa., Betty Zimmerman of Harlan and Majorie Gaer of Kirkman. She is also survived by five grandchildren - Tom Gaer of Irwin, Sharon Morton of Newton, Kans., Jim Zimmerman of Platteville, Wisc., Dick Zimmerman of Cedar Falls and Carol Zimmerman of Ames, five great grandchildren - Alan, Amy, Greg, Amy and Ryan.

Funeral services were Friday, Sept. 7, 1979 at the Harlan Congregational Christian church with Rev. David E. Cave officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Lowell Philson, Jack Lewis, Clifford Hanson, Clarence Holdren, Wallace W. Poynter and Gordon F. Sorensen serving as pallbearers.

Services were conducted by the Burmeister Funeral Home.